

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN CHAMBERS
REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 24, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.**

Somerville Public Schools - School Committee Goals/District Improvement Plan

- Goal #1: Improve student achievement by meeting the following annual targets:
- Achieve a minimum District-wide student growth percentage (SGP) average of 55 and implement intervention measures for any student who does not meet this standard.
 - Reduce the achievement gap by 10%.
 - Increase Math MCAS scores by 10%.
 - Increase the number of students ranking Proficient and Advanced on MCAS by 10% in all subgroups.
 - Improve the graduation rate by 10%.
- Goal #2: Promote innovations designed to improve student performance.
- Goal #3: Develop stronger home-school connections.
- Goal #4: Increase engagement with the community to improve student learning.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Call to order with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag of the United States of America.

II. AWARDS AND CITATIONS

• **Retiring staff members with 10+ years of service**

Annette Bassett	Barbara Marder
Annmarie Boudreau	Paula Metivier
Beth Britz	Joan Murphy
Kate Bunker-Neto	Gyslaine Nelson
Joseph Burke	Cheryl Petrola
Nancy Cavanaugh	Susan Riley
Jean Charles	Sharon Staples
Joelita Cleveland	Stephen Swensen
Diane DePalma	Celia Taylor
Evelyn DiChicco	Irene Thompson
Christine Hauray-Gilbert	Barbara Tumelty
Mary Healey	

• **Duhamel Education Initiative grant awardees**

- ✓ Suzanne A. Morris, Somerville High School, *Grade 9 Improvement Luncheon, Somerville High School*
- ✓ Roxanne Scrima and Sharon Sotiros, Kennedy School, *Family Involvement Reading Program*
- ✓ Linda Wiegenfeld and Liliana Skero, East Somerville Community School, *We are the World*
- ✓ Kirsten Spence and Erin Van Vliet, Argenziano School at Lincoln Park, *Pennies for Peers across a Spectrum of Ages*
- ✓ Siri Striar and Anne Herzberg, Somerville High School, *Healthy Snacks for After School Homework Projects*
- ✓ Scott March, Kennedy School, *Heroes, Mentors and Careers in the Real World*
- ✓ Susan Schmidt, Somerville High School, *Home and Language Support for ELL students program*
- ✓ Susanna Reichart, Capuano Early Childhood Center, *Raising a Reader*
- ✓ Alicia Kersten, Somerville High School, *Living History Speaker Program*
- ✓ Laura Borrelli, Somerville High School, *BrainPOP Educational Software with SMARTboards Program*

The listing of items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

- **Next Wave/Full Circle's 40th Anniversary Citation**

This item is information only; the citation was presented at Next Wave/Full Circle's 40th Anniversary Celebration on May 22, 2013.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 10, 2013 Regular Meeting

IV. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**V. REPORTS AND MINUTES OF SUBCOMMITTEES****A. Report of Special Meeting for Executive Session:** May 29 (Ms. Rossetti)

The School Committee voted unanimously to extend the employment contract of the Superintendent of Schools from an expiration date of June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

MOTION: To release the Executive Session Minutes of 2010, 2011, and 2012, subject to the appropriate redaction.

B. Rules Management Subcommittee: June 10 (Mr. Sweeting)

Somerville High School Library, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA

In attendance: Mr. Sweeting, Mr. Niedergang, Mr. Roix

Also in attendance: Mrs. Rafal, Mrs. Cardoso, Mr. Bockelman and Mr. Pierantozzi

Called to order at 6:02 p.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

1. Posting of School Committee meeting information

MOTION: To approve the report and minutes of the Rules Management Subcommittee Meeting of June 10, 2013.

C. Educational Programs & Instruction Subcommittee Meeting: June 11 (Mr. Bockelman)

Central Office Conference Room, 42 Cross Street, Somerville, MA

In attendance: Mr. Bockelman, Mr. Roix and Mr. Sweeting

Also in attendance: Ms. Rafal, Mr. Pierantozzi, Dr. McKay, and 15 audience members, including Leo DeSimone, Tom Bent, Paul Denaro, Katie Talmo, Connie Felosi and Danny Silva.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

1. CVTE Advisory Committee report -
2. Early Learning report from Children and Youth Study Team
3. Informational Items
4. Administrative Updates
5. Other

MOTION: To approve the report and minutes of the Educational Programs & Instruction Subcommittee Meeting of June 11, 2013.

D. School Committee Meeting for Long Range Planning: June 18 (Ms. Rossetti)

1. Continued Discussion of Parent/Guardian involvement (i.e. S.C. policy BDF Advisory Committee to the School Committee)
2. Continued Discussion of Middle School Curriculum
3. RTTT Grant - Grade Level Reading Communities Network (3rd grade literacy)

Central Office Conference Room, 42 Cross Street, Somerville, MA

In attendance: Rossetti, Rafal, Cardoso, Roix, Sweeting, Bockelman

Also in attendance: Pierantozzi, McKay, Morgan, Davila and five (5) audience members

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. and adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

MOTION: To approve the report and minutes of the School Committee Meeting for Long Range Planning of June 18, 2013.

VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**A. PERSONNEL REPORT****B. DISTRICT REPORT**

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VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Somerville Public Schools Policy Manual** (Mr. Sweeting)

The following policy is presented for second reading, as amended:

File: ECA – Use of Security Cameras on School Property

MOTION: To include the File ECA – Use of Security Cameras on School Property, as amended, in the Somerville Public Schools Policy Manual.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS**A. FY2013 SCALE/ADP Graduates** – (Recommended Action: Approval)

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the following students, who have successfully completed the requirements for graduation from SCALE, be granted their diplomas:

Tyler Scott Anderson	13 Cottage Avenue	Somerville	02144
Seamus R. Desmond	220A Summer Street	Somerville	02143
Abraham Farrakhan Faldor	22 Melvin Street	Somerville	02145
Charles Henry Houghton	41 Hancock Street	Somerville	02144
Karoline Cardoso Loureiro	75 Walnut Street, #1	Somerville	02145

Michael Andrade	950 Mass. Avenue, #615	Cambridge	02139
Warren M. Bears	47 Summer Street	Medford	02155
Liliana Rocha Lopes	80 Newbury Avenue	Quincy	02171
Maria N. Martinez	618 Washington Avenue	Revere	02151
Julio Alberto Perez	416 Meridian Street	East Boston	02128
Mauricio Rivera	163 Bloomingdale Street	Chelsea	02150
Marc Anthony Ryan	14 Gooch Street	Melrose	02176
Miriam M. Ticas	40 Grove Street	Belmont	02478
William Joseph Vera	28 Chatham Road	Everett	02149
James Louis Wilson	290 Mystic Street	Arlington	02474

B. Authorization for Summer Months – (Recommended Action: Approval)

To: Authorize the Superintendent to act on the School Committee's behalf to:

- Pay bills on school department accounts for which commitments have been made by bid or purchase order before the close of schools, said bills to be ratified by the committee at the first meeting in September.
- Expend from FY2014 Salaries Account funds for payment of salaries of personnel under all federal grants beginning in September.
- Use Salaries Account and School Operations Account funds to pay encumbrances and salaries for summer programs.
- Authorize and/or reauthorize school department revolving accounts. To accept all monies received by the School Committee in connection with the conduct of said revolving accounts according to the purposes of the program or programs from which receipts in each account were derived.
- Accept all state and federal grant monies awarded through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Department of Early Education and Care and to authorize the establishment of separate grant accounts that may be expended by the School Committee without further appropriation for the purposes designated in each grant proposal.

C. Participation in National School Lunch and Breakfast Program

The Superintendent of Schools recommending that the School Committee vote to participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program, and the Commodity Food Distribution Program, in conformity with requirements of the State Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services for the 2013-2014 school year, as in previous years.

D. Student Accident Insurance - (Recommended Action: Receive and place on file)

The Superintendent advising that the contract for Student Accident Insurance for the 2013-14 school year has been renewed with Moran Insurance Agency, 23 Spruce St., Suite B, Malden, MA 02148 at the following rates:

Plan A – STUDENT INSURANCE

Premium:	School Time	\$ 7.50
Premium:	24-Hour Coverage	\$49.00
Dental:	Extended	\$10.00

Plan B - ALL-SPORTS, SHOP AND LAB COVERAGE

Premium:	Gold Plan	\$5,549.00
Catastrophic Cash Benefit		\$ 860.00

E. Field Trip (Recommended action: approval)**Aug. 23-26, 2013**

Somerville High School Athletics to Lenox, MA for preseason camp. Transportation via coach buses. Cost to students is \$100.00 each.

F. Approval of Donations (recommended action: approval)

- The Superintendent recommending the acceptance, with gratitude, of three (3) sets of golf clubs with bags, from Mary Colette White of Somerville, MA to the Somerville High School Golf Team. Estimated value unknown.
- The Superintendent recommending the acceptance, with gratitude, of various lab glassware and specimen collection materials from Andrew Shapero and Professor John Durant of Medford, MA, to the Somerville Public Schools middle and high school science programs. Estimated value is \$500.00.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- An email from Patricia Messina thanking the School Committee for remembering her late father at a recent meeting.
- A thank you note from the family of James Patrick Murphy for remembering him at a recent School Committee meeting.
- A thank you note from William Driscoll thanking the School Committee for remembering his late wife at a recent meeting.
- A thank you note from Carolyn Richards thanking the School Committee for remembering her late sister at a recent meeting.

X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**XI. ADJOURNMENT**